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In re application of :  
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 ASSAYS FOR NUCLEOSIDE DIPHOSPHATES  
 AND TRIPHOSPHATES  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Page 1, after the title, please insert:*

This application is a 371 of PCT/GB00/01740 filed May 5, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-19 and substitute therefor the following new claims:*

20. A process for detecting the presence of a nucleoside diphosphate in a sample, comprising a step of detecting the dephosphorylation of the phosphoenzyme form a nucleoside diphosphate kinase (NDPK) by detecting a change in a characteristic of the NDPK which differs between its phosphorylated and unphosphorylated forms.

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